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KANSAS WIC INFORMATION MEMORANDUM
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TO: Parent and Sub-Agencies

FROM: Dave Thomason
Nutrition & WIC Services Director

DATE: December 21, 2010

RE: Hand Sanitizer
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Hand Sanitizer

Providing individual hand sanitizer bottles to participants is nice particularly during the flu season, but this is not an allowable expense that will be reimbursed by WIC. This is an expense that could be provided for by the Health Department. Hand Sanitizer/Soap dispensers can be an allowable cost for WIC staff since they are sometimes used prior to administering a hemoglobin test, but the Local Agency must remember to allocate the cost between programs if used by more than just the WIC program.

ACTION REQUIRED: Notify all staff.

Revised Standard WIC Affidavit

Pages 1 and 2 of the Standard WIC Affidavit have been revised. Page 1 of the affidavit now contains check boxes under “Type of Submission” that can be easily checked when filling out the affidavit electronically with the click of a mouse. Another change is the submission type “Special” no longer exists. In the past, Local Agencies were asked to submit a “Special” affidavit when seeking reimbursement for purchases such as anthropometric equipment, computer equipment, infrastructure items or special training funds. Those items are now considered an “Initial Type of Submission”, but should be itemized on page 2 of the affidavit.

Page 2 of the affidavit form, also contains check boxes in the heading for anthropometric equipment, computer equipment, infrastructure items and special training funds. Please mark one or more of the items that apply to the items listed on page 2.

If you have questions, contact Rachelle Hazelton at (785) 291-3134 or by email at rhazelton@kdheks.gov.

ACTION REQUIRED: Notify all WIC staff as well as other Health Department or County staff who are involved with providing affidavits to the WIC Program. The revised affidavit is now available to start using for January 2010.

Mileage Reimbursement

The maximum allowed reimbursement for December affidavits is **(\$0.505)** per mile. Effective January 1, 2010, the maximum allowed reimbursement for privately owned automobile mileage will be reduced per the IRS to **(\$0.50)** per mile.

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Statewide WIC Breastfeeding Training for 2010

As presented in the November I-Memo, Kansas will be implementing the USDA-mandated breastfeeding promotion and support training, “Using Loving Support to Grow and Glow in WIC”. Eleven sessions are planned around the state as listed in the following table.

Training will occur over two full days. Meeting times may be slightly adjusted in future, but plan for 8:00 – 5:00 both days. A light breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided as part of the training. Registration fee is \$60 per attendee.

Application will be made for continuing education credit (nurses and dietitians). Because the training is very interactive, there is a maximum of 60 trainees per site.

All WIC staff must attend both days of one of the training events. “All WIC staff” means all staff members who interact with WIC clients. Clinic administrators can decide to close clinic and send all staff members to one training event, or divide the staff group among different sites. Notice there are two different date options for Wichita. If you chose a Wichita training, attend consecutive days, instead of attending Day 1 in one month and Day 2 another month. Maps and driving directions for each site will be provided later. This training replaces the annual statewide Kansas WIC Conference.

March 3-4 (W-Th)	Topeka	Ramada Inn 420 SE 6 th St (785) 234-5400
March 30-31 (T-W)	Wichita	Wichita State Univ Hughes Metropolitan Complex Sunderman Commons 5015 E. 29 th North (SE corner of Oliver & 29 th) (316) 978-3258
April 19-20 (M-T)	Overland Park	Ritz Charles 9000 W. 137 th (913) 685-2600
April 27-28 (T-W)	Hutchinson	Grand Prairie Convention Center 1400 N. Lorraine St. (620) 669-9311
May 18-19 (T-W)	Great Bend	The Page – American Bistro 2920 10th St. (620) 792-8700
June 16-17 (W-T)	Greenbush	Southeast Kansas Education Service Center On Hwy 47 about 8 miles west of Girard. 620-724-6281
June 22-23 (T-W)	Hays	Fort Hays State University Memorial Union Black and Gold Room 600 Park Street (785) 638-5305
July 13-14 (T-W)	Junction City	Courtyard by Marriott 310 Hammons Drive 785-210-1500
July 27-28 (T-W)	Garden City	Fiesta Courtyard 1810 Buffalo Jones Ave. (620) 276-8610
August 3-4 (T-W)	Lawrence	Maceli's 1031 New Hampshire (785) 331-2096
August 24-25 (T-W)	Wichita	Wichita State University Hughes Metropolitan Complex Sunderman Commons 5015 E. 29 th North (SE corner of Oliver & 29 th) (316) 978-3258

ACTION REQUIRED: Inform all staff about the required training. Watch for registration information in the January I-Memo. Contact Patrice Thomsen at pthomsen@kdheks.gov or (785) 296-1189 with questions.

Ingredient Change for Neocate Infant DHA/ARA

Nutricia is increasing the MCT content of Neocate DHA/ARA. The effective date of the change will depend on stock levels, but is expected to be out in early December.

ACTION REQUIRED: Notify WIC Staff who authorize special formula and the caregivers of clients who receive Neocate Infant DHA/ARA.

New Member Needed for Nutrition Education Committee

The WIC Nutrition Education Committee currently has a vacancy. The Nutrition Education Committee provides valuable input toward the development of Kansas WIC client nutrition education materials. The committee has conference calls approximately three times per year and an in person meeting approximately once per year.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please email Julie Ornelas at jornelas@kdheks.gov if you are interested in serving on the Nutrition Education Committee.

Summary of H1N1 Influenza Guidelines for Infant and Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women – Correction

The summary of H1N1 Influenza Guidelines for Infant and Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women compiled by Dr. Kendall-Tackett included in the November I-memo is being corrected and updated by Dr. Tackett. CDC guidance is that LAIV (FluMist) can safely be given to nursing mothers. For more information see guidance at the link below.

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/nasalspray_qa.htm The only contraindication for LAIV/FluMist vaccine is pregnancy.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please share this information with appropriate staff.

Educational Opportunities

- **FREE** web-based Breastfeeding Training. Sponsored by the University of Virginia School of Medicine and the Virginia Department of Health. www.breastfeedingtraining.org CEU's available.
- Kansas Nutrition Council Annual Meeting, April 15, 2010, Manhattan, Kansas.
- Kansas Dietetic Association Annual Meeting, April 16, 2010, Manhattan, Kansas.
- National WIC Association Annual Conference, May 2-5, 2010, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
<http://www.nwica.org>
- National WIC Association Nutrition and Breastfeeding Conference, September 21 – 23, 2010, San Diego, California. <http://www.nwica.org>
- Certified Breastfeeding Educator trainings presented by Debi Bocar, PhD, RN, IBCLC
 - Watch this website for more upcoming breastfeeding educator programs. - <http://www.lactation-consultant-services.com/upcoming.html>

ACTION REQUIRED: Share information with appropriate WIC staff about these continuing education opportunities. Consider sending appropriate WIC staff according to your local agency training needs and as the local agency budget allows. If appropriate, refer to ADM 11.02.00 Financial Support for Local Agency On-Going Training for information on the possibility of obtaining financial support from the SA.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact the state staff member assigned to your agency.

Enclosures: Copy of Revised Standard WIC Affidavit